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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, ET
SUBJECT: ELF CLAIMS CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE

1. ON JULY 31 TWO MEN DRESSED IN KHAKI-TYPE UNIFORMS, BUT UNARMED, ENTERED BUSINESS OFFICE OF BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL BASIL BURWOOD-TAYLOR ASKING TO DELIVER DOCUMENT PERSONALLY TO BRITISH CONSUL. AS BURWOOD-TAYLOR WAS BUSY, DOCUMENT WAS RECEIVED BY HIS PROCONSUL, WHICH APPEARED SATISFACTORY TO THE TWO VISITORS. DOCUMENT (COPY BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT) IS CLAIM OF CASUALTIES (276 DEAD) AND SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL DAMAGE TO 28 VILLAGES IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN HAMASIEN PROVINCE. TO THAT IS ADDED FURTHER CLAIM OF 6,000 DEAD THROUGHOUT ERITREA AND 80,000 HOMELESS.

2. WHILE CONGEN HAS NO MEANS OF CONFIRMING ACCURACY OF
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ELF CLAIMS MADE IN DOCUMENT, CLAIMS OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

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ARE RELATIVELY MODEST, LENDING SOME CREDENCE TO OTHER CLAIMS MADE IN ELF DOCUMENT.

3. COMMENT: OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS METHOD OF DELIVERY OF DOCUMENT TO BRITISH CONSUL. ABILITY OF ELF REPS, APPARENTLY IN UNIFORM, TO CASUALLY WALK INTO BRITISH CONSUL'S OFFICE TO DELIVER MESSAGE GIVES INDICATION OF ACCESS WHICH ELF STILL ENJOYS IN ASMARA DESPITE MASSIVE EPMG SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.
FYI: TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER CONSULAR OFFICES IN ASMARA HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS DOCUMENT.
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